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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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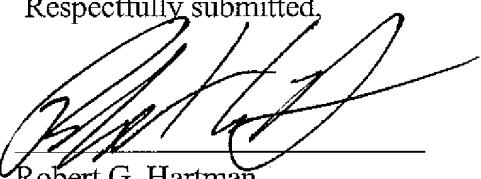
Applicant and Applicant's agent, Robert G. Hartman, sincerely thank Examiner Alhija for the courtesy of conducting multiple Examiner interviews with Applicant's agent throughout the first two weeks of January, 2007. During these interviews, Applicant's agent submitted numerous differences between the above-referenced patent application and the cited §102(b) reference. For instance, Applicant's agent submitted that the cited reference fails to disclose "workload definition sequences" or "a run-time policy", both as recited in Applicant's claims. In addition, Applicant's agent and Examiner Alhija discussed various proposed claim amendments for the sole purpose of advancing prosecution. However, no agreement was reached regarding the allowability of the claims.

Applicant and Applicant's agent once more sincerely thank Examiner Alhija for the courtesy shown in conducting multiple interviews.

Respectfully submitted,

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